

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An electrophoretic display device, comprising:
a plurality of electrophoretic particles and an insulating liquid which are held in a container,
a first electrode and a second electrode which are disposed close to said insulating liquid, and
means for applying voltages between said first electrode and said second electrode,
wherein said electrophoretic display device exhibits a display state including a first state in which said electrophoretic ~~partiele~~ particles are dispersed in said insulating liquid by applying an AC voltage between said first and second electrodes, a second state in which said electrophoretic particles are attracted toward said first electrode by applying a DC voltage of one polarity between said first and second electrodes, and a third state in which said electrophoretic particles are attracted toward said second electrode by applying a DC voltage of the other polarity between said first and second electrodes[.].],

wherein the second and third states are exhibited alternately, and
wherein the second and third states created by applying DC voltage having an identical absolute value are substantially the same visual recognition state.

Claim 2 (Canceled):

Claim 3 (Original): A device according to claim 1, wherein said first and second electrodes are disposed symmetrically.

Claim 4 (Canceled):

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A driving method of an electrophoretic display

device comprising a plurality of electrophoretic particles and an insulating liquid which are held in a container, a first electrode and a second electrode which are disposed close to said insulating liquid, and means for applying voltages between said first electrode and said second electrode:

said driving method comprising at least:

a step of creating a first state in which said electrophoretic ~~partiele~~ particles are dispersed in said insulating liquid by applying an AC voltage between said first and second electrodes,

a step of creating a second state in which said electrophoretic particles are attracted toward said first electrode by applying a DC voltage of one polarity between said first and second electrodes, and

a step of creating a third state in which said electrophoretic particles are attracted toward said second electrode by applying a DC voltage of the other polarity between said first and second electrodes; and

wherein the second and third states are exhibited alternately, and

wherein the second and third states created by applying DC voltages having an identical absolute value are substantially the same visual recognition state.

Claim 6 (Original): A method according to claim 5, wherein said step of creating the first state is performed in advance of said step of creating the second state and said step of creating the third step.

Claim 7 (Canceled):